

2020 Large Scale Survey

The survey was conducted across two large scale web forums and the Gauge One Facebook Page. The numbers of respondents were:

G Scale Central	Large Scale Central	G1 Facebook	Total
73	41	23	137

The locations of the respondents were:

Britain	Other European	North America	Australasia	Other	Total
56	12	54	14	1	137

The gauges/scales used were:

	16mm	G Scale	Gauge 3	Gauge 1	Fn3	Other
Britain + Europe	13%	42%	9%	25%	2%	8%
North America	3%	74%	2%	9%	9%	3%
Australasia	17%	57%	0%	17%	0%	9%
Total	10%	55%	5%	18%	4%	7%

Note that 1:29 scale is common in the US and most respondents recorded it as G Scale although it is actually closer to 1:32 Gauge 1.

Many respondents had more than one type of power and the percentages were:

	Live Steam Manual	Live Steam R/C	Battery Manual	Battery R/C	Track DC Fixed	Track DC R/C	Track DCC Basic	Track DCC Advanced
Britain + Europe	13%	17%	4%	27%	11%	7%	7%	13%
North America	8%	7%	6%	41%	19%	15%	0%	5%
Australasia	11%	19%	5%	22%	22%	11%	5%	5%
Total	11%	14%	5%	31%	15%	10%	5%	9%

Advanced DCC refers to people who do their own CV programming whilst Basic DCC are those who avoid programming. R/C refers to radio control.

We believe that the number of DCC users in the North America is actually much higher than the 5% shown as a result of non-technical users, most of whom don't use web forums, purchasing ready to run DCC locos with pre-installed sound decoders.

The percentages of respondents using sound were:

	All Sound	Some Sound	No Sound
Britain + Europe	64%	22%	14%
North America	41%	41%	18%
Australasia	46%	23%	31%
Total	53%	30%	17%